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13 September 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR: Bureau Chiefs  
FROM: Chief, FBIS  
SUBJECT: Letter of Information

GENERAL

1. A meeting was held with the DCI and the DDCI on 31 August to review the relative merits of Kaduna, Nigeria; Accra, Ghana; Robertsfield and Monrovia, Liberia; and Ascension Island as sites for an FBIS African monitoring station. The DCI decided to go ahead at Kaduna, Nigeria. Instructions were cabled by the Department of State the following day to the Consul General at Lagos to proceed with an exchange of letters with the Nigerian authorities. FBIS parentage will not be divulged except in response to a direct question by high Nigerian officials. [redacted] 50X1

2. A Daily Report Supplement on 24 August reviewed world radio and press reaction to the Powers trial. With the cooperation of Printing Services Division, FBIS was able on short notice to provide the DCI with eight finished copies of the report for distribution at the weekly meeting of the Operations Coordination Board. Numerous other special services were performed in connection with the trial. Daily Report and FBIS Wire Service items containing trial materials and comment on the case were forwarded directly to many Agency offices, including the General Counsel, Office of Security, Historical Intelligence Collection, and various DD/P components. Two Agency consumers were furnished tape recordings of the trial proceedings, which included Powers' actual testimony. Many regular consumers increased their Daily Report distribution requirements during this period. [redacted] 50X1

3. Compilations of broadcast comment on the Republican and Democratic national tickets were issued on 10 August and 31 August. The compilations were prepared for the DCI to be issued to the candidates. New compilations will be prepared during the electoral campaign whenever the volume of copy approaches 25 pages. [redacted] 50X1

4. The decision has been made to continue the Key West Post on an indefinite basis. West Coast Bureau monitor [redacted] has been assigned to replace East Coast Bureau monitor [redacted] in early November. During September simultaneous monitoring surveys will be conducted at the Key West and Panama Posts and the East and West Coast Bureaus to determine possibilities for expansion and reallocation of Latin American coverage, as well as the general reception potential of the Key West Post. [redacted] of the Field Operations Staff will conduct the survey at Key West. [redacted] 50X1 50X1

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5. Representatives of the FBIS Field Operations Staff on 11 August participated in a special ORR briefing of VOA Director Henry Loomis in conjunction with his imminent trip to the USSR. [redacted] 50X1

6. With a view to improving the appearance of the Daily Report, an experiment was begun in collaboration with Printing Services Division to determine whether the Report could be typed on "mechanical negative" stencils rather than mimeograph stencils. The "mechanical negative" stencil is typed in similar fashion as the mimeograph stencil; it is then exposed to a sensitized master, and the master is developed for duplicating. The method is not new, but there have been recent innovations simplifying the exposing, developing, and duplicating processes. [redacted] 50X1

7. Of 281 items included in OCI's Current Intelligence Digest during August, 99 (35.2 percent) were based wholly or in part on FBIS monitoring. This exceeds by nearly 4 percent last month's record high percentage of material attributed to FBIS. [redacted] 50X1

8. The FBIS Wire was extended to Western Hemisphere Division on 15 August and to the Development Projects Division on 16 August. The Office of Functional and Biographic Intelligence, Department of State, dropped their service when they moved to their new offices on 31 August. Thirty-two separate activities are now being serviced by the FBIS Wire. [redacted] 50X1

9. The Foreign Documents Division/00 is slated to take over the third floor at 1717 H Street in the near future. [redacted] 50X1

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Propaganda Analysis Comment [redacted] 50X1

1. The following are among Radio Propaganda Reports projected or under consideration for publication within the next few months (responsible analyst indicated in parentheses:

- a. Replacement of Chief Editors of key Soviet journals [redacted] 50X1
- b. Retrospective study of Moscow propaganda on the Congo [redacted] 50X1
- c. Contrasting Soviet and Chinese views on the "national liberation movement" [redacted] 50X1

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- d. Evolution of Khrushchev's position on the transition to communism [ ] 50X1
- e. Review of Soviet propaganda on agriculture [ ] 50X1
- f. Opposition to the commune program in the Chinese Communist Party--in response to a standing OCI requirement [ ] 50X1

2. An Austrian Bureau text of an article in the Bulgarian KOOPERATIVNO SELO hinting at dire consequences for the CPR should it be excluded from the bloc [ ] formed the basis for a propaganda-analysis on the FBIS Wire and a subsequent writeup by OCI on developments in the Sino-Soviet polemic. 50X1

3. With the Sino-Soviet rift deepening, and Moscow making increasingly open efforts both to impose its views and convince bloc members of their validity, Moscow broadcasts in Mandarin have taken on increasing significance. Intelligence offices have expressed particular interest in whatever information RPB has been able to supply on the manner in which these broadcasts have been used by the USSR to persuade lower-level cadres in China, over the heads of the CPR leadership, of the efficacy of the Soviet line for defeating "imperialism." The closest scrutiny and fullest possible coverage of these broadcasts is expected to remain a standing need for some time. The article on pages 4-8 of the 25 August SURVEY, "Strain in Sino-Soviet Relations Reflected in Moscow Broadcast Pattern," is suggested as useful guidance for field editors in this regard.

4. Radio Propaganda Reports issued in August: (Responsible analyst indicated in parentheses)

- a. "Soviet Press Steps Up Appeals for Vigilance," reviewing a major aspect of Moscow's propaganda on the eve of the Powers trial. [ ] 50X1
- b. "New Public Image of Top Soviet Leadership Emerging," analyzing a new stress on "collectivity" in the Soviet Presidium. [ ] The DD/I's staff expressed particular interest in this report. 50X1
- c. "The Sino-Soviet Argument: Moscow Adopts More Aggressive Stance." [ ] 50X1
- d. "Soviet Outer-Space Projects and Programming, May-August 1960: New Focus on Manned Space Flight," in the regular series for OSI's Guided Missiles Division. [ ] 50X1

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5. Propaganda Analysis Items on the FBIS Wire: (Responsible analyst indicated in parentheses)

- a. "First Explicit Soviet Claim to Submarine Missile-Launching Capability" [ ] 50X1
- b. "Peking Takes Uncompromising Stand in Regard to Both U. S. Presidential Candidates" [ ] 50X1
- c. "Peking Resumes Attack on 'Modern Revisionists'" [ ] 50X1
- d. "Radio Moscow Maintains Unprecedented Five-Week Silence on CPR Affairs in Broadcasts to Soviet Home Audience" [ ] 50X1
- e. "Treatment of Powers Trial" [ ] 50X1
- f. "The Sino-Soviet Polemic," prepared at OCI request for the DDCI [ ] 50X1
- g. "Bulgarian Article Warns of 'Mortal Danger' Facing Bloc Member That Leaves Socialist Camp" [ ] 50X1

6. Continuing Special RPB Services:

- a. Propaganda-analysis cables are being sent to the U. S. delegation to the test-ban talks in Geneva as warranted by developments.
- b. In response to a USIA/IRI request for support of special research regarding communist bloc penetration of Africa, an IRI analyst is supplied each Tuesday with an advance draft of the FBIS Trends and Highlights of Communist Broadcasts, and briefed each Wednesday on bloc propaganda on Africa.

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Editorial Branch Comment

General

1. Several replacement pages for the Editorial Handbook, amending Section B II on the flagging of copy, are being prepared for dispatch to the field. The primary change involves the use of the names of headquarters components--unit, section, branch or staff--rather than the names of individuals in flagging COPY TO or ONLY materials. These designations will also supersede special individual arrangements such as the use of [ ] ONLY or [ ] ONLY. The changes become effective for each bureau upon receipt of the amended pages.

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2. The London Bureau is now preparing a single Broadcast Review of Soviet, Satellite, and Yugoslav broadcasts instead of the two reviews produced previously. The first combined review was carried in the USSR/EE Daily Report on August 30.

3. Persons mentioned in roundups or in subslugs should be identified by their full titles. This applies as much to major figures as to minor ones.

4. When information about the source or authorship of an article or commentary is monitored subsequent to the filing of the item, this additional information should be forwarded in an FYI.

5. An FYI alerting headquarters to a change in standard phraseology in communist transmissions will forestall reversion to the original form by Daily Report editors. A case in point was the change in the English morse rendition of the Vietnam Lao Dong Party to the Vietnam Workers Party.

London Bureau

When an item filed by the Mediterranean Bureau from TASS to the USSR press is repeated in a later London-monitored broadcast, London need not refile the item but should inform headquarters of this fact by FYI. This will enable Daily Report editors to put the later logograph on the item and avoid restrictions concerning the publication of material from the point-to-point service.

Saigon Bureau

The bureau is cautioned against burying significant, perishable material in the body of a routine collation of material such as a press review.

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Engineering and Field Operations

1. Eight of twelve planned combined monitoring booth control units and transistorized amplifiers have been completed at the East Coast Bureau for the African Bureau project. Requisitions covering electronic equipment and related construction materials have been completed.

2. Construction - Okinawa:

a. Addition of bedrooms to four duplexes and replacement of windows in the BOQ progressed to 32 percent completion in August.

b. Excavation for foundation footings for the addition to the operations building has been started at Bolo Point. Steel shipments are still awaited.

3. GSA has approved and accepted the air cooled refrigerant condenser installation which replaced a defective and worn water cooled installation at the West Coast Bureau.

4. Reports of considerably improved signals delivered to receivers are beginning to come in as a result of the installation of the new shortwave multicouplers at the field bureaus.

5. STARCOM (Strategic Army Communications), formerly called ACAN, has requested all activities served as tributaries of their East Coast Relay Station (message center, now in the Pentagon) to prepare themselves for 100 WPM operation of their terminations on common user circuits when the East Coast Relay Station moves to its new facility at Fort Detrick, Maryland, sometime late this year. FBIS operates one full duplex tributary circuit with the East Coast Relay Station. Arrangements have been made with the Office of Communications to supply and install necessary new equipment to meet the STARCOM request.

6. Bureaus are again reminded that they should indicate their coverage plans in messages reporting newly found broadcasts.

7. Whenever a field bureau finds itself temporarily without the services of a cruising monitor, editors and monitors should be particularly on the alert for announcements of frequency and program changes, new stations, etc. Such information should be forwarded to FOS/BIS immediately.

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Administration

1. The Panama Post was authorized to retain the temporary contract teletypist for an indefinite period, enabling the Post to utilize the services of the regular teletypist as a Spanish monitor.

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3. [Redacted] Kurdish linguist, signed a contract in Washington for employment as a Kurdish monitor at the Mediterranean Bureau. He will depart for Cyprus approximately 20 September following orientation at the East Coast Bureau.

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4. The FBIS Fiscal Year 1962 Congressional Budget was submitted 18 August. All major items for Fiscal Years 1961 and 1962 were approved. Allocations of funds were forwarded to all Bureaus on 24 August.

5. Arrangements were completed with the Office of Training to enable [Redacted] Electronic Specialist, West Coast Bureau, to attend Tri-State College in the fall semester.

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6. Arrangements were completed with Comptroller and the Supply Division, and instructions were forwarded to the field, for the implementation of Type II Financial Property Accountability at the Far East, European, and Mediterranean Bureaus.

7. Bureau Chiefs are reminded that they do not sign as Approving Officers on Form 1038, Application and Account for Advance for Funds. It is requested that this space be left blank to be filled in by Headquarters.

8. When Bureaus purchase nonexpendable equipment in the field, the payment vouchers should indicate after the descriptions of the items that the equipment

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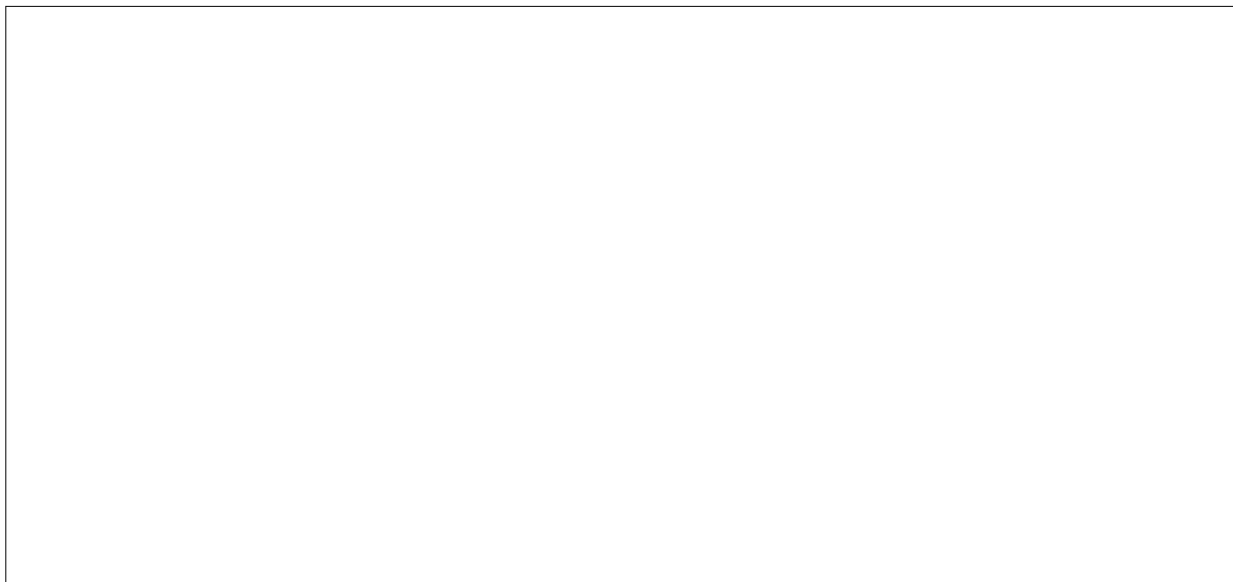
is NX (nonexpendable). When such equipment is to lose its identity by becoming part of a unit which has been previously picked up on property accountability records, it should be noted on the voucher that the equipment bought is expendable.

9. When one Bureau procures something for another Bureau, charging the latter's allotment, the receiving Bureau should be notified of the charge either by message or by copies of the purchase order or voucher.

10. Employees returning from overseas tours of duty and enrolling in the Health Benefits Plan for the first time should be advised that they must wait not less than 14 days for coverage to be effective. However, to avoid this period of non-coverage, an employee may enroll within 31 days before his move.


11. Bureau Chiefs are requested to sign the Fiscal copy, as well as the original, of all GBL's and purchase orders.

12. The following FBIS Regulatory Issuances were released during the month of August:



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Personnel Changes

1.  Editor, was transferred to another Agency component on 22 August, after ten years service with FBIS.

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2. New Employees

Assignment



Editor  
Editorial Branch

Clerk Typist  
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New Employees

Assignment

Librarian  
Edit. Br.

Editor  
Edit. Br.

Teletypist  
ECB

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3. Reassignments

From

Editor  
London

Editor  
Austria

Editor  
WCB

To

Editor  
Edit. Br.

Editor  
Edit. Br.

Editor  
London

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4. Separations

From

Secretary  
Engineering Staff

Secretary  
RPB

Clerk  
BIS

Chief, Liaison & Requirements Staff

Radio Operator (Retirement)  
ECB

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